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Catechists challenged to reflect Christ

By Maureen Nuesca and Dan E. Pitre
Southern Cross

ALCALA PARK — Some 1,360 catechists from throughout the San Diego diocese were exposed to a variety of ideas and models in better reflecting Christ at the annual Catechetical Institute held Sept. 24 at the University of San Diego in Alcala Park.

In the keynote address "Reflecting Dimensions of Christ," Tom Zanzig, a consultant and author for St. Mary's Press in Winona, Minn., provided the religious educators with two perspectives of who Jesus is.

"We all have a certain understanding of who Jesus is," said Zanzig, known for his work in the area of Christology and youth ministry.

By summarizing the understanding of a pre-Vatican II Jesus and the understanding of Jesus today, Zanzig said he hoped to offer the catechists a new image of Christ.

The pre-Vatican II image of Jesus focused on the spiritual side — Son of God, the second person in the Blessed Trinity, the pre-existent word of God.

It is generally understood that the Gospels were identified as historical documents dictated by God through mesmerized authors and that God is removed from us because of original sin, explained Zanzig.

Central themes of this perspective include divinity, the significance of the incarnation, the Mass as a re-enactment of Calvary and that we are saved through Baptism which reunites us with the death

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Diocese honors Blessed Serra



Photo by Dan E. Pitre

BLESSED PRAISE — Under the papal canopy marking Mission San Diego de Alcala as a minor basilica, Bishop Leo T. Maher extols the sanctity and Christian example of Father Junipero Serra at a Mass Sept. 25 honoring the new blessed. Earlier in the day, Pope John Paul II beatified Father Serra, who founded Mission San Diego in 1769, the first of the 21 California missions.

"Oh, God, in your ineffable mercy, you chose Blessed Junipero Serra as a means of gathering many peoples of the Americans into your church. Grant that through his intercession our hearts may be united to you in ever greater love so that at all times and in all places we may show forth the image of your Only-Begotten Son . . . ."

By Dan E. Pitre
Southern Cross

MISSION VALLEY — Using the Vatican-approved prayer for the first time in the diocese, Bishop Leo T. Maher invoked the intercession of Blessed Junipero Serra for the more than 300 persons crowded into Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala Sept. 25 to participate in a noon Mass in honor of the missionary's beatification earlier that day in Rome.

Several priests, some 10 Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and a Boy Scout troop were among those honoring Father Serra at the mission he founded on July 16, 1769, the first of the 21 California missions.

The mission parish choir sang joyously in English and Spanish.

It was only hours after Pope John Paul II beatified the Franciscan priest and "Apostle to California" in an outdoor ceremony that attracted 40,000 persons, including three from the Diocese of San Diego, to St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

The pope called Father Serra "a shining example of Christian virtue and the missionary spirit." His mission work meant he had to "admonish the powerful" so that they would not "abuse and exploit the poor and the weak," he said.

Speaking under the papal canopy, which identifies Mission San Diego de

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Respect for life to be stressed in parishes Oct. 2

By Joyce Carr
Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego diocese and area pro-life groups will seek to call greater attention to and action for the sanctity and dignity of human life at all of its stages through talks and distribution of literature at various churches on Respect Life Sunday Oct. 2.

The Respect Life Program, which begins each year on the first Sunday of October, is an annual program sponsored by the Catholic bishops of the United States.

Regarding the abortion aspect of Respect Life Sunday, which this year falls not only during the midst of the presidential and congressional campaigns but also on Political Responsibility Sunday in the diocese, Bishop Leo T. Maher said:

"There is no better time to awaken the conscience of people for the protection of the unborn than at the ballot box.

"Since we are for life, we have an obligation to use every just means possible to change present legislation," he said.

"We also have an obligation to educate other people to the sanctity of life and the true meaning of the First Amendment," which grants "the right to life, and that means right to life for the unborn," Bishop Maher said.

Goals of the U.S. bishops' Respect Life Program are to proclaim the sanctity of human life, oppose all that endangers human life, support whatever nourishes or sustains the proper enjoyment of life, and create advocacy for whatever meets the needs of families and individuals.

These goals look at the consistent ethic of life, said Father Douglas Regin, diocesan pro-life/respect life coordinator and pastor of St. Francis Church, Vista.

The Respect Life Program's "initial focus was on abortion," he said. But the U.S. bishops' pastoral on economic justice also looks at disrespect for life seen in "people who don't have the resources to survive in society." Father Regin said the Respect Life Program goals encompass all issues threatening the sanctity of life, including fetal transplants, in which some women "have abortions so they can sell the body parts of fetuses."

Information packets from the Respect Life Program have been sent to parishes with the request that pastors have the information incorporated into parish education programs, Father Regin said.

Some parishes have scheduled special events focusing on the sanctity of life.

Last month Joe Bauer of KMFB-radio began speaking on pro-life issues during

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Workshops focus on prayer

ESCONDIDO — St. Mary parish in Escondido will offer six evening workshops enabling participants to experience and evaluate different forms of prayer. The series begins Oct. 5 and will continue Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 9 and 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the parish hall.

Father Max Oliva, SJ, will lead the series.

Father Oliva currently serves in retreat ministry. He has worked in social ministry and has served on the faculty of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

Cost is $10 per person or $15 per couple for the entire program. For a single evening, the cost is $2 per person.

For further information call Kathy Wood, 746-3533.

Council of Catholic women convention set

SAN MARCOS — Over 200 women are expected to attend the 52nd annual convention of the San Diego Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Oct. 26 at St. Mark community center in San Marcos.

The convention, hosted by the Escondido deanery, wil begin at 8 a.m. with registration. Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m.

This year's theme is "Accept the Power and Love and Receive the Gift of Life."

Reservations must be made by Oct. 10.

For further information call 745-8169.

Madonna Manor holds annual fund-raiser

SALINAS — Madonna Manor, the retirement home for members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will hold a "Hawaiian Holiday" Oct. 8, 2 p.m., in Salinas.

Catholic Daughters and guests from throughout the state are expected to attend.

Cost is $8.

For further information call Wanda Fernandes, (619) 222-4110.

Mercy Heart Institute begins walking class

HARBOR ISLAND — "Walk for Your Heart," a fitness walking program presented by the Mercy Heart Institute, begins Oct. 11 and continues each Tuesday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. at Harbor Island.

DeeDi Barker, an exercise physiologist and registered nurse, will lead the class which includes instruction on proper walking technique and stretching, fitness walking and informal lectures.

Cost is $30. Preregistration is required.

For further information call 260-7077.



Photo by Randy Rudy

TREK TO THE CROSS — A procession to the cross on Presidio hill Sept. 25 passes Immaculate Conception Church, Old Town. The trek, sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, was held in honor of Father Junipero Serra's beatification in Rome last Sunday. Secular Franciscans Christine Phillips and Charles Stroud are shown carrying the American flag and banner of the Immaculate Conception Fraternity, respectively. (See related photo on page 6.)

Military chaplains hold regional conference

SAN DIEGO — A regional conference for Catholic military chaplains will be held Oct. 3-4 at the San Diego Naval Air Station.

The pursuit of peace in the Catholic tradition and nuclear deterrence will be some of the topics.

The conference is one of five regional sessions held throughout the United States and Europe. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created in 1985 for pastoral care of men and women of the U.S. Military Services, their dependents, the Veterans Administration facilities and the civilian employees of the U.S. government living abroad.

For further information call (310) 495-4100.

Local parish hosts concert to aid Tijuana

SERRA MESA — St. Columba parish in Serra Mesa will host a benefit concert featuring Peter Rubalcava and the ensemble that plays at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. The concert will be held Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the parish's Tijuana Outreach-Matthew 25 program which includes food distribution to a Tijuana colonia and future construction of homes.

All are invited to attend. Cost is $5 per person.

For further information call 277-3863.

Halloween celebration planned for SVDP

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego County Chiropractic Society will celebrate Halloween with the residents and children of the St. Vincent de Paul/Joan Kroc Center, Oct. 31.

Members of the society will serve the holiday meal at 6 p.m. and distribute treats afterward. Entertainment will also be provided.

This is the fifth year the society has provided a Halloween celebration for residents at the center.

'Spirituality and the Cinema' series begins

ALCALA PARK — The Institute for Christian Ministries and the Blaise Pascal Group will present the second annual "Spirituality and the Cinema," series beginning Oct. 14 in Hahn 106 at the University of San Diego.

The films continue every Friday until Dec. 2. Discussions follow in some cases.

The schedule is as follows:

— Oct. 14, My Night at Maud's
— Oct. 21, Viridiana
— Oct. 28, The Devil's Playground
— Nov. 4, Ordet
— Nov. 11, Therese
— Nov. 18, The Gospel According to St. Matthew
— Nov. 25, Devi
— Dec. 2, Salesman

Cost is $2. Parking is available.

For further information call 260-8888.

ICM sponsors class in liturgical music

ALCALA PARK — The Institute for Christian Ministries will sponsor the fourth class in the Certificate Program for Liturgical Music Oct. 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 18, 7 p.m., in Founders Chapel at the University of San Diego.

The class, "Cantor Practicum," will be presented by William Eichorn, director of USD's opera workshop and will focus on specific skills for cantors, including projection, breath control and poise.

Eichorn has won the Metropolitan opera auditions in Chicago and Philadelphia and is a first-prize winner of the Barcelona vocal competitions in Spain.

Preregistration deadline is Oct. 4. Cost is $30.

For further information call 260-4784.

NOTICE

Anyone interested in attending only the homily by Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen of Seattle at the national meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions Oct. 10-13, can do so by calling 436-9421 before Oct. 4. Cost is $10.

— Compiled by Maureen Nuesca from submitted information

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Escondido Mass marks 100 years of faith

By Joyce Carr
Southern Cross

ESCONDIDO — The Mass at Kit Carson Park amphitheatre, celebrated here Sept. 25, reflected a threefold theme: Resurrection Church's evangelization program, Father Junipero Serra's beatification earlier in Rome and the beginning of Escondido's centennial celebration.

Father Roger Lechner, pastor, was the main celebrant of the 11 a.m. liturgy. Concelebrants were Father Scott Burnha, associate pastor, Franciscan Father Juniper Snyder, Sunday associate at Resurrection Church, and Father Michael Froidurot, associate pastor at St. Mary Church, Escondido. Deacon Leo Valdivia of Resurrection Church assisted.

The event drew some 2,000 participants from Resurrection, St. Mary and St. Timothy churches in Escondido and St. Stephen's in Valley Center, said Gretchen McLane, who chaired the liturgy planning committee with Donna Hodder.

In his homily Father Lechner drew a connection between the Mass and the site of Father Serra's first Baptism at Los Cristianitos, a national shrine 40 miles from Kit Carson Park.

"From that first Baptism of Father Serrra you and I have been baptized and have trained others to be baptized," he said.

"By coming here today we are telling the City of Escondido ... we have been with you these 100 years" and will continue to offer prayers and volunteer work as the Gospel teaches, Father Lechner said.

He called upon the assembly to continue their efforts to evangelize the Escondido community. "We can't do this unless our innermost faults are cleansed in the love of God."

More than half the Escondido community does not attend any church, the pastor said.

Father Snyder urged participants to emulate the zeal of Father Serra, who, at age 52, left the "comfort, security and predictability" of his home in Mallorca, Spain, "to travel halfway across the world" to evangelize native Americans.

"At a point when most of us say, 'My work is over,' Serra said, 'It's time to get started with my life's work.' If God gave you today, it is because he is calling you forward to another day of growth, love and service," Father Snyder said during his homily.

The Prayers of the Faithful also focused on Father Serra's missionary work and Escondido's centennial.

Commentators Theresa Johnson and Margie Reyes, who read the prayers in English and Spanish, respectively, prayed for courage to follow Father Serra's example and "answer the Lord's call to live and share the Gospel message" with their Escondido neighbors.

The Mass illustrated the unity of the participating parishes, Father Lechner told *Southern Cross*.

"Members of the Rincon and La Jolla Indian reservatons (who attended) commented on the beauty of the day and what it meant to them as Catholics," he said.

Music for the liturgy was provided by a combined English and Spanish choir with members from the three Escondido churches. The choir was directed by Jim Wieme and Irene Zavala of Resurrection Church.

Lectors for the liturgy were Frank Gomez and Jeanette Hood, also of Resurrection parish.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Father Peyri Assembly formed the honor guard for the entrance procession, which descended the stairs of the amphitheatre.



Photo by Dan E. Pitre

OUTDOOR MASS — A Mass celebrated at the Kit Carson Park amphitheatre, Escondido, on Sept. 25 drew some 2,000 North County participants. Banners displayed on the walls represent parish organizations and groups from various churches in the Escondido deanery. The liturgy, planned by Resurrection Church, incorporated three themes: the parish's evangelization program, Father Junipero Serra's beatification in Rome and Escondido's centennial celebration.



PRESENTATION OF GIFTS — Robert Farmer, parishioner of Resurrection Church, presents Father Roger Lechner, pastor, with a basket containing the collection during last Sunday's Mass at the Kit Carson Park amphitheatre. The liturgy was concelebrated by four priests of the Escondido deanery. (Photo by Joyce Carr)

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Will court reverse Roe - Wade?

Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun Sept. 13 raised court-watchers' eyebrows and pro-lifers' hopes when he predicted the Supreme Court will soon reverse its 1973 abortion ruling.

Blackmun, author of the controversial Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide, told law students that "the next question is, 'will Roe vs. Wade go down the drain?' I think there's a very distinct possibility that it will — this term. You can count the votes."

But the possibility of overturning Roe vs. Wade rests on two major factors:

First, the Supreme Court has to agree to consider abortion again.

As of mid-September, when the court was still in recess after completing its 1987-1988 term, it had included no abortion cases on its 1988-89 agenda. Furthermore, unlike the 1973 Roe case, any abortion issue the court does take up probably is not going to involve a direct, yes-or-no vote on abortion itself.

Second, reversing Roe vs. Wade depends on getting Supreme Court justices — historically independent individuals, no matter what the presidents appointing them assume — to vote against a 15-year-old precedent legalizing abortion.

If the high court does take up another abortion case, it might well be one involving the rights of parents when their teen-age daughters want abortions. Another

WASHINGTON LETTER
by LIZ SCHEVTCHUK

possibility might be a case questioning the rights of a man to prevent his girlfriend or spouse from aborting his unborn child.

The Supreme Court has upheld two types of laws providing for parental involvement in minor girls' abortion. In 1981, for example, it upheld a Utah law demanding doctors notify parents when teens get abortions.

Since then, different state laws on parental involvement have continued to raise different questions, and federal appeals court judges in August issued contradictory decisions on parental involvement statutes.

Meanwhile, fathers' rights cases have arisen in Indiana and Minnesota recently, and pro-lifers want the Supreme Court to take up one of the Indiana cases.

In that dispute, a man tried to prevent his estranged wife from aborting their child. The father obtained a lower state court injunction temporarily forbidding the abortion. But the Indiana Supreme Court subsequently dissolved the injunction and said the man could not stop the abortion, which the woman then obtained.

In 1976, the Supreme Court ruled that husbands cannot veto wives' abortion decisions. But, abortion opponents contend, other aspects of the extent to which the father can be involved in the question remain unclear.

While the Indiana court proceedings were under way, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, one of the Supreme Court justices considered most amenable to pro-life causes, refused to block the Indiana Supreme Court's action allowing the abortion go ahead.

Others justices considered most likely to vote to overturn Roe vs. Wade are Byron R. White and President Reagan's three appointees — Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy.

As Blackmun noted, the fate of Roe vs. Wade may hinge on Kennedy's views on *stare decisis*, the legal doctrine that courts do not overturn older, well-established rulings.

Kennedy joined the court in early 1988 after it had split 4-4 and issued no opinion on the case of an Illinois parental notification law.

"Apparently Blackmun recognizes that Roe vs. Wade cannot survive merely on its constitutional merits," the National Right to Life Committee said.

"Blackmun hopes that Justice Kennedy will abide by precedent," the group noted. "But Supreme Court justices are bound by their oaths to overturn precedents when precedents violate the Constitution, as does Roe vs. Wade," it added.

Another anti-abortion organization, the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League, said that "while there is no abortion case currently before the court, the court could look for one in order to overturn the 1973 abortion ruling. Let's hope, let's pray, this is what happens."

Liz Schevtchuk is a staff writer for National Catholic News Service, which disseminated this article.

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One-issue, pro-life voting

THINKING OUT LOUD
by MSGR. CHARLES DOLLEN

Several Catholic magazines have recently run articles on the moral question of whether or not one can, in good conscience, vote for a candidate who supports abortion. This pro-life issue has tremendous importance for many voters, not just Catholics.

If the answer is "No," as suggested by the articles that have crossed my desk, then we are in great trouble, since both of the political parties and both of the major candidates for president support abortion.

Gov. Michael Dukakis believes that the individual woman must exercise her own conscience and religious convictions and make her own decision on abortion.

This sort of thinking is very popular among white, middle-aged, middle-income males. It evades the moral guilt of encouraging abortions while evading the rights and responsibilities of the father. It is a typical male cop-out.

Vice President George Bush is more forthright in his support of selective abortions. He says, "I am opposed to abortion except when the life of the mother is threatened or when there is rape or incest."

"If the life of the mother is threatened" is open to very wide interpretations. Are we speaking of physical, mental and/or emotional health? How life-threatening must be the danger, and who decides?

A child conceived through rape or incest is also a human being with an immortal soul. At what point in this process does it cease to have human rights so that abortion is a proper remedy? There are some very fine moral issues at stake here.

So when Vice President Bush and so many candidates for the Senate and the House of Representatives hide behind "selective abortion" and pose as pro-life advocates, we are being deceived. It is a cruel hoax.

To make it worse, note that Bush and many of his backers say quite openly that they would support a constitutional amendment to make this selective abortion the law of the land. They are quite explicit about it.

To continue their smoke screen, they loudly denounce the use of federal funds to pay for abortions, except when the life of the mother is threatened, etc. So, they are openly advocating the use of some federal money for abortions, and they have no squeamishness about the use of other monies for abortions. They accept abortion as a proper action, at times.

Pro-life issues deserve better champions than these men who would only add other moral issues and complications to the situation, but lock them into constitutional law.

So, it would appear that those "one-issue" voters who see the pro-life issues as overriding all others, cannot vote for either Bush or Dukakis, or a whole host of Republican and Democratic candidates.

Perhaps they should look for a third-party candidate, but these usually are candidates who have their own single-issue priorities which they enlarge to cover other issues. That's no solution either.

It may be necessary to look over the entire array of issues supported by the major candidates and parties and choose the one with the best overall plans for life and death matters, areas of justice and inequity and the best overall interests of the country.

It may also be necessary for pro-life people to realize that the solutions they so ardently desire are not going to come through political activity, but through the calm, reasoned voices of educating the public.

Msgr. Charles Dollen, a columnist and author in the Catholic press, is pastor of St. Gabriel parish, Poway.

Respect Life Sunday

MY POINT OF VIEW
by CARDINAL BERNARDIN

In the Christian tradition, we look upon Sunday as different from other days of the week. On Sundays, we slow our pace of living to allow time for worship and reflection, time to recall how God's love has influenced our decisions and affected our well-being.

Respect Life Sunday, celebrated each year in Catholic parishes throughout the United States on the first Sunday of October, is likewise a special day of worship and reflection. We need a day like this at a time in our history when so many seem to be insensitive to the awesomeness of human life.

Some seem to treat life as a mere commodity. There is a great need to deepen the awareness that life is a gift of God graced with transcendent dignity and splendor.

Abortion continues to plague our nation. It is staggering to the mind to realize that each year we allow 1 1/2 million unborn children to be its victims! Abortion kills the developing child. It leaves many women with lifelong scars of anger, regret and despair.

Its negative impact also affects others: the child's father, family members, friends, health care workers. Moreover, it has a debilitating effect on our society, which has accepted killing, however uneasily, as a legitimate way to solve problems and conflicts.

Many new parents describe the birth of a child as a miracle. They have encountered the awesomeness of new life. Through reflection, we too can enter into their experience and realize that to speak of the sanctity of life only at "some point" after conception is to draw arbitrary lines as to when life begins.

The elderly and the dying in our society have many concerns, such as anxiety over unwanted aggressive medical treatment. This apprehension is increasingly exploited by those who want to legalize active euthanasia.

Reflection provides an opportunity to develop a more profound awareness of the human dignity of the dying patient. Through reflection on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we can also arrive at a deeper insight into the meaning of suffering and even death itself.

While some people fear that they may be required to undergo too much medical treatment, millions of others lack access to the most basic and essential health care. Catholic teaching recognizes access to health care as a basic human right — one which flows from the right to life itself.

But this right is not widely acknowledged in principle or practice in our country. Especially acute is the need for better prenatal care for low-income pregnant women and pediatric care for their children.

Through reflection we can learn to see things from the side of the poor and powerless, leading us to take effective action on behalf of their urgent needs.

The 1988 Respect Life Program, which begins on Sunday, Oct. 2, focuses on a number of critical issues, including those already mentioned. In addition, this year's program also draws attention to hardcore and child pornography, hope and compassion for AIDS patients, and observations of the 20th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*.

On this Respect Life Sunday I urge Catholics to join me in slowing our pace and making time for worship and relfection. Let us praise and glorify God, the author of life. Let us ponder the direction that we, as a society, are taking in our attitude toward life and how we might help others grow with us in developing a deeper reverence for the gift of life.

Let us also ask God to send his Spirit to sensitize everyone's heart to the beauty, the grandeur and the miracle of human life.

bishop's Pro-Life Activities Committee.

Sanctity, dignity of life to be stressed Oct. 2

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Masses at local churches, including Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside; St. Didacus, Ascension and Holy Spirit in San Diego; and Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon.

Bauer, a member of Concerned Citizens for Human Life (CCHL) speakers' bureau, told *Southern Cross* he incorporates his respect-life theme into the readings of Sunday liturgies.

"There is no reason to take the life of a fetus," he said. "If we have true faith, we must do something about (saving) unborn babies by getting involved in pro-life groups, writing to legislators" and conversing about pro-life issues.

His talks also encourage attendance at rosary rallies held at Dr. Edward Allred's clinic in El Cajon, where abortions are performed, he said.

Bauer emphasizes his message by reading a soliloquy, "I Am," by the late actor Victor Buono, in which a fetus reveals an awareness of his sex, color of eyes and height at maturity. Then, after the second month of pregnancy, he announces his death by abortion.

In addition to providing speakers at churches, CCHL members also distribute literature at local colleges and universities. Subjects include the presidential candidates' views on pro-life issues, fighting AIDS through sexual abstinence, and secondary virginity, said Ann Fitch, CCHL president.

The Right to Life Council of San Diego County has also directed its respect-life message to the upcoming election, said Joan Patton, vice president of the council.

The council has expanded on the U.S. bishops' Respect Life campaign by printing and distributing 100,000 candidate surveys to Catholics and many other interested church groups.

These surveys list each candidate's responses to questions regarding the life and death issues of abortion, infanticide and euthanasia," Patton said.

Catherine Ewers, Southern California regional consultant of Birthright of San Diego County, said that organization endorses the U.S. bishops' Respect Life Program.

"Respecting Life is one way of putting our Christian principles into action on a daily basis," she said.

Speakers representing Birthright have addressed congregations at Our Lady of Refuge Church, Pacific Beach, and St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bay Park, Ewers said.

The speakers explained Birthright's services, which include providing free pregnancy tests and counseling, medical referrals and maternity clothing and supplies, Ewers said.

Regarding future pro-life parish programs, Father Regin said the national office of pro-life directors will assess the needs of pastors and associates and encourage the formation of parish committees to disseminate information and work on pro-life issues that enter the political arena.

Copies of the San Diego County Pro-Life Network can be obtained from Father Douglas Regin, St. Francis Church, 525 West Vista Way, Vista, CA 92083.

Speakers for churches, schools and private groups can be obtained by calling Birthright, 463-8791, and the Pro-Life Pregnancy Counseling and Educational League of San Diego County, 484-5543.



Photo by Don Carstens

RESPECT FOR LIFE — Interaction among a young pregnant lady, elderly woman and a clergyman illustrate the Catholic Church's call to respect life in all stages of development. The U.S. bishops sponsor an annual Respect Life Program, which begins on the first Sunday of October, to proclaim the sanctity of life, support the forces that enhance the quality of life and oppose anything that destroys or endangers human life.

Many parishes to register members to vote on Oct. 2

By Dan E. Pitre
Southern Cross

More than 30 parishes throughout San Diego and Imperial counties on Oct. 2 will encourage its members to take a more conscientious approach to the political process and will register them to vote.

Political Responsibility Sunday in the diocese, sponsored by the diocesan Peace and Justice Commission, also falls on Respect Life Sunday.

Bishop Leo T. Maher said at a recent meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, his grassroots' advisory body, that the two causes go hand in hand. "Political responsibility is one of the effective ways to help the unborn," he said.

Jeanne Ertle, Peace and Justice Commission staff member, told *Southern Cross* the Registrar of Voters will send out promptly an instructional packet on how to register people and up to 200 voter registration forms to any parish requesting those materials.

Also the Center for Participation in Democracy, a non-profit, non-partisan group working to register voters, particularly minorities and low-income people, will provide personnel for voter registration if a parish needs assistance. Its number is 233-9967.

Parishes have been distributing flyers quoting the U.S. bishops' political responsibility statement.

Further information is available from Ertle at 231-2828.

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Serra's apostolate praised

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Alcala as a minor basilica, Bishop Maher said in his homily, "This solemn beatification allows us to offer this liturgy today in (Blessed Serra's) name, acknowledging his sanctity and calling on him for our assistance."

"We look up to him as an example of a practical way of living the Gospel and how it encourages us to attain perfection in our own lives.

"Being an active missionary among the Indians, he encourages us to fulfill our mission with authentic love and zeal for the salvation of others," the bishop said.

He noted Father Serra as an historical figure in the country, and compared Serra with his contemporary, George Washington, Serra being 19 years old and dying 15 years before the famed general and first president of the United States.

"They both worked for a common cause, each in his own sphere, both great pioneers — one the father of his country, the other the father of his church," Bishop Maher said.

As Bishop Maher was extolling the virtues of Father Serra inside the basilica, two local persons held a wide sign outside the mission's east entry, calling for concern for those Indians who allegedly suffered under the mission system.

Their peaceful and quiet protest of Serra's beatification was without incident.

However, earlier that morning, vandals sprayed graffiti on the walls of the Serra Museum and on the cross dedicated to the missionary and splattered paint on a Serra statue at Presidio Park, site of the original Mission San Diego.



Photo by Randy Rudy

HONOR AND DISHONOR — Franciscan Father Geoffrey Bridges, left, of San Francisco, and Deacon Joseph Halka, right, a secular Franciscan from Laguna Niguel, Calif., flank the vandalized statue of Father Junipero Serra in Presidio Park Sept. 25. The statue had been splattered with green paint before the celebration. Father Bridges celebrated Mass by the cross on Presidio hill in honor of Father Serra's beatification in Rome last Sunday. Some 150 participants attended the celebration, including members of local Vietnamese- and Spanish-speaking fraternities and Secular Franciscans from other California locations, according to Anita Licata, an organizer of the event.

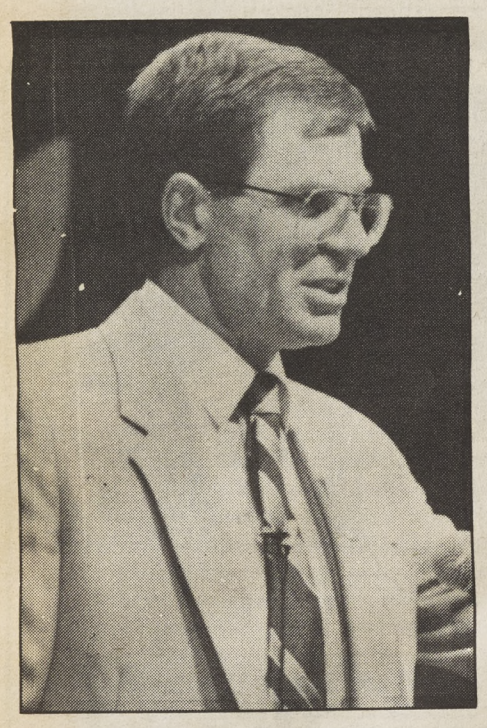
That scene greeted some 150 participants of a 1:30 p.m. trek to the cross from Old Town to the park Sept. 25, where a Mass was celebrated by Franciscan Father Geoffrey Bridges of San Francisco.

The procession and Mass were sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order.

After the Mass at Mission San Diego de Alcala, Bishop Maher told a reporter that those who say Father Serra mistreated Indians are misinterpreting history.

He told another reporter earlier that week that Father Serra was a crusader for the rights of the Indians and sought to protect them from abuses by the Spanish soldiers.

In noting Father Serra's efforts to evangelize Native Americans, Bishop Maher said in his homily, the missionary "found that the only way to reach the Indians and stir their hearts was to speak heart to heart."



TOM ZANZIG, keynote speaker

Zanzig: Catechists are 'words of God'

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of Jesus, he said.

The new perspective views the Gospels as "post-reaction testimonies of faith by people who lived with Jesus, experienced his message, watched him (be) executed and experienced the glory of the resurrection," said Zanzig.

This perspective looks at Jesus as a man, a prophet, a friend, and "what it was like to be around him."

"The resurrection becomes the central focus because it is the sign that says Jesus speaks the truth," he said.

The first implications of the pre-Vatican attitude is a sense of Jesus doing everything for his people. Now, said Zanzig, the belief is that Jesus "did it before us and serves as a model for us."

The first theory implies "Jesus reunites us with the Father. Today Jesus reveals to us a God we can call Abba — one who would never abandon us," he continued.

Finally, Jesus was viewed as calling us to endure life by "struggling through this veil of sin, but now he calls us to embrace life as fully as he did," said Zanzig.

"Jesus is the Word of God. We, too, are words of God — reflections. Our call is to embrace this dignity and share it with others," Zanzig concluded.

In the Spanish-speaking keynote address, Jesuit Father Anastacio Rivera, in exploring how to overcome the barrier to unity in the faith community that cultural diversity can pose, also used historical comparisons of the past and present.

Though the coming together of two different cultures, such as the North European and Latin American cultures in California, can cause pain and conflict, it can also "engender new energies and create new possibilities for both cultures," said Father Rivera, director of Hispanic ministry for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

So the question of Catholics of different cultures reflecting Christ to each other is how to unify in diversity, he said.

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Diverse cultures enrich each other, priest says

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"Do we somehow hang on to my style or culture as the only valid one, and therefore put down other styles, or do I dig into, emphasize positive values of diverse cultures and build on that?" he asked the some 300 persons registered for the Spanish-speaking portion of the institute.

Though confessing he did not have the complete answer, Father Rivera said one way is to look at history to understand how particular characteristics of two confronting cultures developed and how each cultural group benefited from the other.

The "Christ Reflected" theme of the institute was carried throughout the workshops.

In his workshop entitled "Christ Reflected but the Mirror is Cracked," Father Dennis Mikulanis, pastor of Holy Spirit Church, San Diego, called upon catechists to keep an open mind to true teaching, to read and to educate themselves.

Father Mikulanis stressed the importance of ecumenism which "helps us identify each other as brothers and sisters of God."

"If we can present a united picture of Christ, then the world will benefit. When the world benefits, the church grows," he explained.

Father James Gehl, director of the Los Angeles archdiocesan Office of Family Life, broadened the definition of family for parish communities in his workshop, "Family: A Top Priority in Our Church and in Our Hearts."

Basing his definition on "A Family Perspective in Church and Society," a document issued this year by the U.S. bishops' Commission on Marriage and Family Life, Father Gehl said everyone in the parish is included — nuclear families, divorced and separated, widowed, single parents and (never-married) singles.

With this broader view of family, "all life and ministry" in a parish should be seen "through the lens of family," he said.

Jesuit Father Paul Decker, in focusing on "The Role of Mary in the 1980s, Her Impact on Religious Education," said Mary provides various models by having lived as a fully human person.

Father Decker directs the Center for Pastoral Studies at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

Mary was an unwed mother and a single parent for a while and was probably looked down upon by many in her community, he said. However, she was not ashamed of who she was, he added.

She said "yes" to God and endured the suffering and pain that entailed, Father Decker related.

In the workshop, "Reconciliation: Christ's Compassion Reflected," M. Jane Gorman, pastoral associate and director of catechetical ministries at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish, Rancho Peñasquitos, highlighted methods of working with parents, as well as children, in preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

She told *Southern Cross* Sept. 23 she would encourage her workshop participants to urge parents to get information and "understand the reconciliation process and use it constantly in the family."

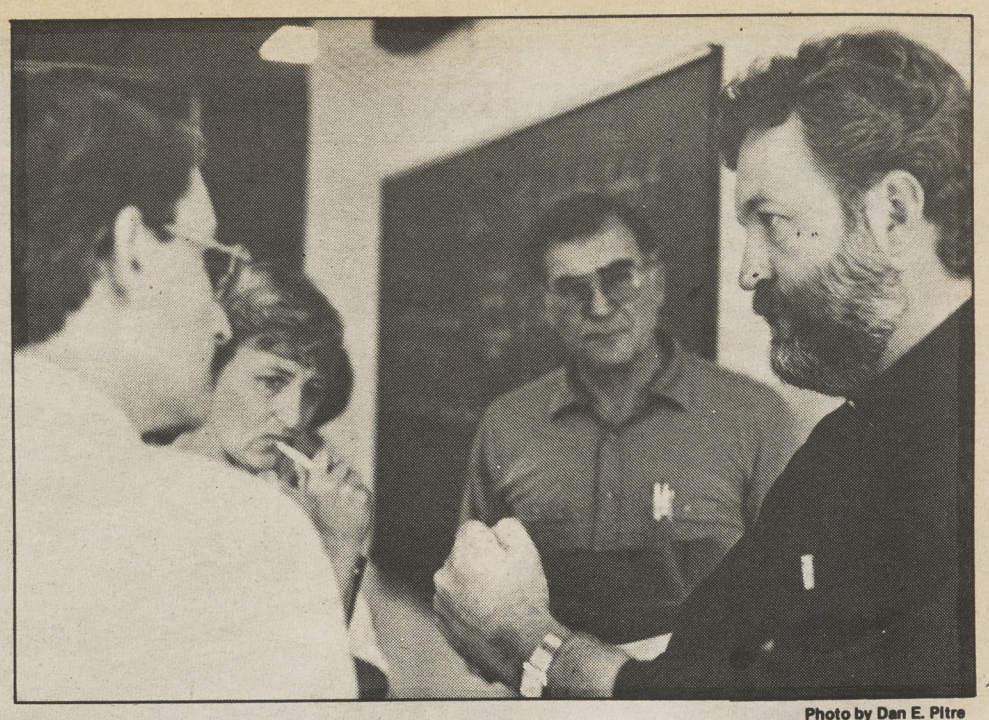


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MARY FOR THE '80s — After his workshop on Mary's role in the 1980s at the diocesan Catechetical Institute Sept. 24 at the University of San Diego, Jesuit Father Paul Decker discusses the topic with Dan Spellacy, left, a Scripture teacher at USD High School; and parish catechists Betsy Venetti of Sacred Heart, Coronado, and Bob Vega of Guardian Angels, Santee. Father Decker is director of the Center for Pastoral Studies at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

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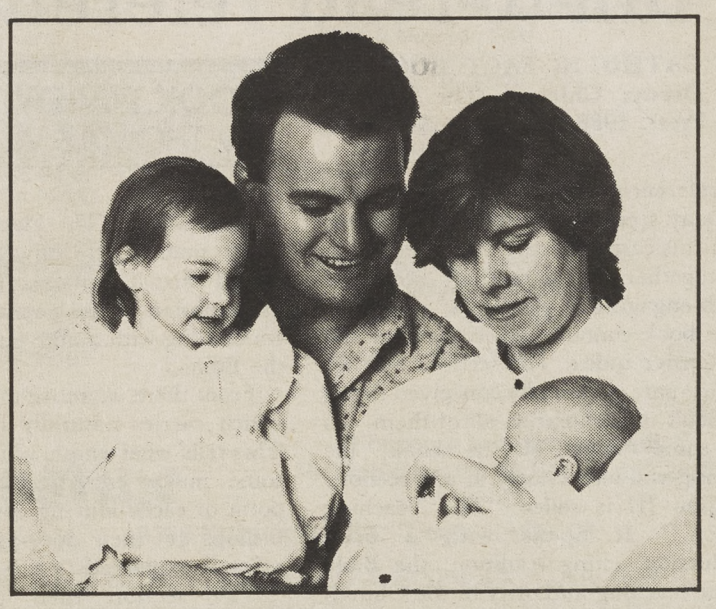
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THRILLER — Jeremy Irons plays Dr. Beverly Mantle, whose strange relationship with his twin brother Elliot (also played by Irons) undergoes a terrifying transformation when they become involved with Claire, a beautiful actress played by Genevieve Bujold, in David Cronenberg's psychological thriller "Dead Ringers."

Two-for-one becomes chilling

By Judith Trojan
NC News Service

The phenomenon of twins has always fascinated the scientific community. In the case of *Dead Ringers* (20th Century Fox), the protagonists are twins and scientists. In director David Cronenberg's hands, the combination is chilling.

Based on the novel "Twins," which was loosely derived from the true and tragic story of two Manhattan gynecologists who were also identical twins, "Dead Ringers" tracks the downward spiral of Beverly and Elliot Mantle (Jeremy Irons in both roles). Highly respected Toronto gynecologists specializing in female infertility, the twins switch identities at will. To their peers, their patients or any women they might fancy, they play interchangeable roles. As they share and share alike, they have little concern for the emotional toll their game has on others or on themselves, for that matter.

As life would have it, the men are different — Elliot is gregarious and conniving; Beverly is shy and introverted — and these distinctions are shrewdly caught by worldly actress Claire Niveau (Genevieve Bujold), a patient who falls for Beverly while unknowingly becoming a sexual pawn of Elliot's.

Claire's love and concern for Beverly ultimately catalyzes Beverly's breakdown since he is simply unable to sustain an outside love relationship or assert an individual identity separate from his brother's.

As Beverly sinks into despair and drug abuse destroying his medical credibility, Elliot drugs up as well in a bizarre attempt to save his brother's life. Comparing themselves to a famous pair of Siamese twins who lived and died in tandem, the Mantle twins have no ability to function or survive separately.

With the help of innovative computer technology that enables Jeremy Irons to play opposite Jeremy Irons in the same shot, Irons brilliantly projects the subtle nuances of each brother's personality. Less than halfway through the film, it's easy to distinguish Beverly from Elliot and watch in utter fascination the Jekyll-and-Hyde transformations that lead to their inevitable, gruesome destruction. Irons never once allows his characters' credibility to falter nor does he stoop to horror-show tactics to depict the men's deeply rooted psychological wounds.

Bujold plays an equally fascinating character. As an actress who is neither flighty nor emotionally fragile, Claire swiftly senses the brothers' mental unbalance and refuses to be victimized by it. Bujold's weary face and worn manner make her tender regard for Beverly all the more touching.

Noted for his work on such psychological horror films as "The Dead Zone" and "The Fly," director-co-writer Cronenberg pulled out all the stops here to make the Mantle twins both believable and nightmarish.

This movie contains much profanity and discussion of gynecological and fertility issues in graphic terms, several explicit, kinky sexual encounters with some frontal nudity and a gruesome, bloody finale.

USCC rating: O, morally offensive.
MPAA rating: R, restricted.

Judith Trojan is on the staff of the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication.

A fun-to-read reference book?

THE CATHOLIC FACT BOOK by John Deedy; Chicago: The Thomas More Press, 1986; 412 pages: $23.95hb

BOOK REVIEW
by THOMAS W. SHAW JR.

A reference book that's fun to read? That may seem a contradiction in terms, but in this case it's true. John Deedy has put together a somewhat eccentric, though engaging work.

The book contains seven sections and an extensive index. The sections are, for the most part, so broadly conceived that it is difficult to summarize all of them. To give some flavor of the book, the following will look closely at one section.

Section III is called "The Teaching Church." It opens with a brief introduction, citing tradition, the Bible and the teaching authority of the Church as the three sources of Church teaching. A discussion of Sacred Tradition follows, which flows into a discussion of tradition and Scripture.

Next comes "The Place of the Bible," which manages to convey what the Bible is and what it contains. That leads to an examination of the popes and the Bible, concluding with a note on Vatican II and the Bible.

From there we move on to infallibility, which carries naturally into encyclicals. This tells what an encyclical is, then lists some major encyclicals and the main point of each. Having covered the pope, bishops get their due, as their teaching office is explained.

The section then closes with a thoughtful essay called "Conscience and the Catholic." The entire section is only 44 pages. Much of it is narrative broken up by lists, and a lot of information is compressed into those pages.

Most of the other sections are also interestingly arranged. Some, such as "Saints" and "Famous Catholics of History" are fairly self-explanatory. But ones like "Movements, Artifacts, Institutions, Orders, Organizations and Communication" almost defy description. The other sections include "History, The Basic Tenets of Belief and Miscellanea," which is a glossary of some common and not-so-common words and terms.

This delightful book isn't intended to replace other reference books. It makes, though, a fine companion to the annual Catholic Almanac, and a good supplement to the one-volume Catholic Encyclopedia.

Tom Shaw Jr. is a parishioner of St. Columba Church, Serra Mesa.

Movie Ratings

A-1

Bambi (G)

A-2

Big (PG)
Big Top Pee-Wee (PG)
Crocodile Dundee II (PG)
Mr. North (PG)
The Rescue (PG)
Tucker (PG)
Who Framed Roger Rabbit (PG)

A-3

Betrayed (R)
Clean and Sober (R)
Cocktail (R)
Coming to America (R)
Eight Men Out (PG)
Married to the Mob (R)
Midnight Run (R)
Moon Over Parador (PG-13)
Stealing Home (PG-13)
Young Guns (R)

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Bull Durham (R)
Dead Pool (R)
Dead Ringers (R)
Die Hard (R)
A Fish Called Wanda (R)
Last Temptation of Christ (R)
A Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master (R)

N.R.

A World Apart (PG)
Brave Starr (PG)
Break of Dawn (NR)
Dear America (PG-13)
Kansas (R)
Mac and Me (PG)
Memories of Me (PG-13)
Messenger of Death (R)
Murder One (R)
Nightfall (PG-13)
Patty Hearst (R)
Seven Hours to Judgment (R)
Spellbinder (R)
Sweet Hearts Dance (R)
The Thin Blue Line (NR)
Waxworks (R)

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A-1	General patronage
A-2	Adults and adolescents
A-3	Adults
A-4	Adults, with caution
O	Morally offensive
N.R.	Not rated

Youth, key component in today's church

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

SAN DIEGO — " 'Youth are the church of tomorrow' is no longer relevant. Youth are an integral part of the church today," said Susan Stark, diocesan consultant for English-speaking ministry.

Youth become an integral part of the church through various structures — liturgical committees, family life committees, — of youth ministry, explained Stark.

As defined by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, youth ministry is:

- "To youth, when the Christian community exercises its pastoral role in meeting young people's needs;
- "With youth, because young people share with adults a common responsibility to carry out the church's mission;
- "By youth, when young people exercise their own ministry to others, particularly to their peers;
- "For youth, in that adult youth ministers attempt to interpret the needs of youth and act as advocates in articulating youth's legitimate concerns to the wider community."

Father Edward "Bud" Kaicher, director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, explained, "The vocation crisis, the attraction to other churches and the radically different youth culture of today is forcing people to take youth ministry more seriously. We have to offer them (youth) more because there's more happening in their lives."

The Catholic Church is maturing in its understanding of lay ministry; with that, has come the realization that professionals are needed to work with young people, said Father Kaicher.

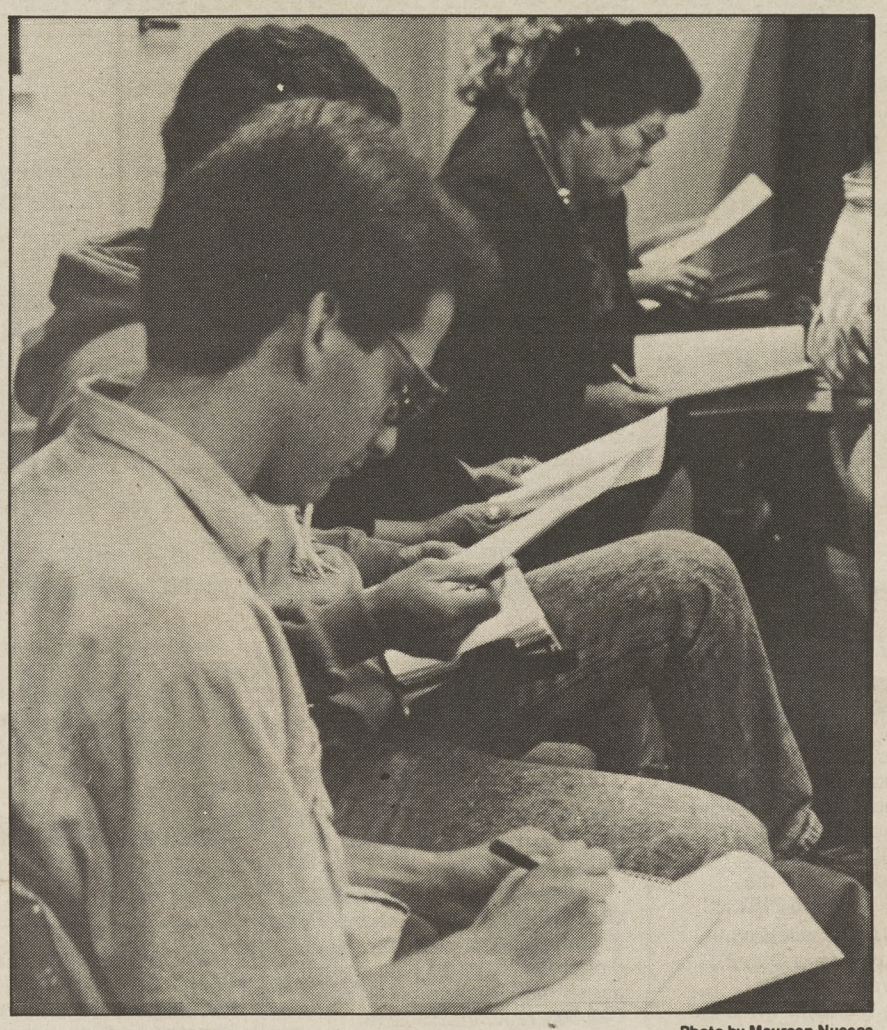


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IN-SERVICE — Eric Schlosser, youth minister at St. John parish in Encinitas, takes notes at an in-service session held Sept. 21 at Ascension parish in Tierrasanta. In-service meetings for youth ministers are conducted by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to respond to their needs, to provide continuing education and serve as a source of networking.

There are 33 full-time paid youth ministers in the diocese, about 15 part-time and about 15 volunteer youth ministers, he said.

According to a recent survey of 26 of the full-time youth ministers in the diocese, the average number of years involved in the ministry was 4.5, a significant increase above the national standard of 18 months.

"This means we're doing some good things in the diocese. Of those 26, 20 were either certified or in the process of becoming certified. This shows we recognize the importance of training," said Father Kaicher.

A fall 1987 survey conducted by the San Diego diocesan youth ministry task force and commissioned by the diocesan Board for Educational Ministry reported that 79 percent of all pastors said youth ministry programs are a high priority; 86 percent believed youth ministry to be a profession.

"This is a positive statement from the leadership in our diocese reflecting the value of youth ministry. It is with this kind of support that youth ministry will continue to grow," said Father Kaicher.

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries provides indirect service to those who work with youth.

Monthly in-service sessions for diocesan youth ministers are held to respond to needs, provide continuing education, attend to general business and serve as a source of networking, he noted.

Youth ministry consultant Stark said, "Every young person is unique but all are searching for adult role models. As youth ministers, we have to remind ourselves of this so that we can minister to their needs."

Drinking problem — much more than a mole hill

Dear Bob,

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Bishops' upcoming appointments

Bishop Leo. T. Maher

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2 p.m., Little Flower Haven, La Mesa — Mass, Golden Jubilee.

Sunday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., University of San Diego stadium — Rosaries for Peace Crusade.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m., Bishop's Office — Meeting with priests of South Bay Deanery.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 8 a.m., Bahia Hotel, San Diego — Mass, Catholic Engaged Encounter.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m., 9th and Broadway, San Diego — Columbus Day Parade.

Sunday, Oct. 9, noon, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, San Diego — Mass, United American Italian Association.

Auxilary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez

Saturday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m., La Quinta de Guadalupe — Hispanic Commission meeting.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego — Mass of Thanksgiving.

Sunday, Oct 2, 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Colton — Mass.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m., Christ the King Church, San Diego — Conference for Catholic Workers.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Ocean Beach — Confirmation.

Parishes

Blessed Sacrament, San Diego, parish prayer group meets Mondays from 7:30- 9 p.m., in the school library. Call Phil McLean, 583-2517 for information. A "Children's Dance Program" will be conducted by Kathy Villalobos after school, Tuesday through Thursday. For details call 286-2717.

Church of the Resurrection, Escondido, will hold a fun fest on Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. There will be games, refreshments, entertainment and a lasagna dinner. Proceeds benefit a retreat house for adult chilren of alcoholics. Call 743-0368.

Corpus Christi, Bonita, will sponsor a trip to Solvang and Hearst Castle Oct. 25-27. Cost is $170 per single occupancy or $150 for double. Continental breakfasts included. For details call 470-8882.

Good Shepherd, San Diego, will hold its 14th annual Oktoberfest, Oct. 7-9. Food, entertainment, prizes, dancing and bingo will be featured. For more information call 271-8783.

Holy Spirit, San Diego, will hold a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings Oct. 2, 1 p.m., in the church hall. For ticket information call 262-2435.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside Altar Society, will sponsor a rummage sale Oct. 4-6. For more, call 443-2285.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Rancho Penasquitos, Knights of Columbus, will sponsor the first annual North County Charity Pro-Am golf tournament Oct. 7, at the Carmel Highlands Country Club in Rancho Penasquitos. Award banquet follows. Dinner tickets are $25 per person. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital.

Our Lady of the Rosary, San Diego, will sponsor the 20th Columbus Day celebration Oct. 8, with a parade at 10 a.m. beginning at B Street Pier. A dance will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Catamaran hotel in Pacific Beach. Cost is $40. Call 296-6484.

Sacred Heart, Brawley, will host a barbeque Oct. 9, noon-6 p.m., in the parish hall. Features include homemade pies, prizes and a gift bazaar. For details, call 344-3171.

San Rafael, Rancho Bernardo, will have its parish festival Oct. 9 from 12-4 p.m. Games, food, prizes and entertainment will be featured. For more, call 487-4314.

St. Brigid, Pacific Beach, charismatic prayer support group, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., in the parish hall.

St. Columba, Serra Mesa, will host a concert featuring Peter Rubalcava on Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. Music consists of original compositions by Rubalcava. Proceeds benefit the parish's Tijuana Outreach-Matthew 25 program. For more, call 277-3863.

St. Gabriel, Poway, will hold a country fair Oct. 28-29. Raffle tickets are available now. Call 748-5348.

St. Mark, San Marcos, will host a parish renewal retreat the four weekends in October beginning Oct. 1. Presented by Father William Kenney of the Paulist Fathers. All are welcome. No fee. Call 744-1540.

St. Mary Magdalene, Clairemont, will host "Three Cheers for the Irish" night, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. Featured will be the Des Regan band, the Liffey Folk and Irish dancers. Tickets are $10. Call 276-5974 for detials.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea, La Jolla, offers sessions in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults on Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m., in the parish hall. Call 454-2861. The high school program is held at All Hallows Church on Monday nights, 7:30 p.m., Call 459-5214 for more.

St. Patrick, San Diego, needs more choir members. Also needed are religious education teachers for grades 1-8. Contact Patty, 295-0553 for details. Donations are needed for the fall festival auction. Call 295-2157 for details. A turkey dinner will be held Oct. 9, noon to 6 p.m.. Cost is $5 per person. The "Harvest Jamboree" will be held Oct. 15-16. Proceeds benefit the parish school. Call 295-2157.

St. Pius X Jamul, will hold its 25th annual gymkhana Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., on the church grounds. Also included will be a deep pit barbeque, games and a parade. A gymkhana is games played while riding a horse. For further information, call 669-1838, or 669-0273.

St. Rita, San Diego, will hold its annual parish bazaar Oct. 15-16. Cash prizes, games, food and entertainment will be featured. For further details call 264-3165. A young adult group has been formed and meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month. If interested, call Margaret, 264-4399.

St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Hills, holds a meeting for seniors each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. Activities include senior marketing that features speakers, films, bingo and fresh produce sold at reasonable prices. The Mission Circle is sponsoring a bus trip to Lawrence Welk's Village Theater on Oct. 6. Cost is $38. For reservations, call 298-2081. The ICF has scheduled a Las Vegas trip on Oct. 11-13. Cost is $80. For information call 296-2680.

Groups

Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Council 5012, in Encinitas, will host a play at the La Paloma Theater Oct. 1. "Barefoot in the Park" is a Neil Simon comedy about a young couple. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 per person. For information call Jim, 753-1736.

La Jolla Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold a meeting Oct. 11, 10 a.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Point Loma. Donation is $3.50. Reservation deadline is Oct. 9. Call 223-1571, or 274-5048.

Escondido Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m., at St. Timothy Church in Escondido. For reservations, call 743-5963.

St. Martin's Woman's Club, La Mesa, will sponsor a bus trip Oct. 13 to the Lawrence Welk Theatre to see "Sweet Charity." Cost is $34 and includes lunch. Call 466-5587 for details.

Knights of Columbus, of St. Therese, will sponsor a garage sale at the St. Therese Church social center, Oct. 15-16. Donations are still needed. For pick-ups, call Jim, 287-9015, or Bruce, 582-2007.

Diocesan Liturgical Commissions will hold its national meeting Oct. 10-13. For registration information call Katie Harte, 436-9421.

Italian Catholic Federation, St. Catherine Laboure, is sponsoring its annual Columbus Day pasta dinner Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Donation is $4.50. Call 565-1260, or 265-7216.

San Diego Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold the 52nd annual convention Oct. 26 at St. Mark community center in San Marcos. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert Chavez will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. Hosted by the Escondido Deanery. For reservations call 745-8169. The DCCW will honor the national president of WICS, Mary Ann Schwab, at a reception on Oct. 3, 2 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist parish in San Diego. For details, call Maxine Wiedenhoff, 295-2988.

Mid-City Players will perform to music from "Cats," on Oct. 7-8 and 14-15, 7:30 p.m., at the Mid-City Theatre in Our Lady of Angels parish hall in San Diego. Tickets are available through Arts Tix, 238-3810. For details call 232-9555.

Hispanic-American University Foundation will sponsor the first international ball Oct. 1, 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Champagne Ballroom in San Diego. Guests from Mexico, the United States and other countries will be present. Featured entertainment will be the Bill Green Orchestra. Tickets are $100 per person. Proceeds benefit the Universidad Iberoamericana-Noroeste in Tijuana. For reservations call 697-3264, or 488-7744.

Retreats

Singles, Never Married retreat for ages 18-35, will be held Oct. 7-9 at the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside. Presented by Father Michael Weishaar, OFM. Donation is $65. For details, call 757-3659.

Marriage Encounter will sponsor weekends Oct. 21-23 and Nov. 18-21. For information, call 461-5683 or 482-0491.

Holy Spirit Seminars, conducted by the San Luis Rey Charismatic Prayer Community, are held seven consecutive Sundays until Nov. 6. Seminars begin at 6:30 p.m. and are open to all persons over 18. Previous attendance at three prayer meetings required. Call 433-9794.

Day of recollection, led by Father Michael Manning, will be held Oct. 22, from 12- 5 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Church in San Diego. Topic is "Gospel of St. John." For details, call Vicki, 542-1315.

Workshops

Bible study will be held Oct. 3, 10 and 24, 7:30 p.m., at St. Patrick parish, North Park. Directed by Father Jerry Bevilacqua, OSA. For details, call 299-9015.

"The Preaching Ministry of Jesus," a workshop led by Father Jim Nisbet, pastor at Old Mission Church in San Luis Obispo, Calif., will be held Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Rancho Penasquitos. Sponsored by the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Center. Call 459-3255 for details.

"Cantor Practicum," the fourth class in the Certificate Program for Liturgical Music, will begin Oct. 11, 7 p.m., at the University of San Diego. William Eichorn, director of USD's opera workshop, will teach the class. Sponsored by the Institute for Christian Ministries. For registration information call 260-4784.

Parent Effectiveness Training will be offered Oct. 6, 6:15 p.m., at Our Lady of Grace Church in El Cajon. Diana Greg, a clinical psychologist, will conduct the workshop. Books and materials cost $25. For details call 466-6463.

Basic catechist course begins Oct. 3, 6 p.m., at Church of the Most Precious Blood. Cost is $50. Sponsored by the Office of Catechetical Ministry. Call Sister Camille Crabbe, 422-2159 for details.

DCM/Coordinator inservice meeting will be held Oct. 6, 9 a.m., at the Benedictine Convent. Topic is "Collaborative Ministry." Presenter is Father Paul Decker, SJ, director for the Center for Pastoral Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Loyola, Calif. Call 574-6311.

Basic catechist course will begin Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m., at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Rancho Penasquitos. Cost is $50. Sponsored by the Office of Catechetical Ministry. For more, call Jane Gorman, 484-1070.

Liturgies

"Music for Liturgies with Children," will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 1, at Our Lady of Grace Church in El Cajon. Christopher Walker, music director of Clifton Cathedral and director of music for the Diocese of Clinton in England, will conduct the workshops. Cost for both days is $12. For more, call 293-3375.

Rosaries for Peace will conduct its fifth annual crusade Oct. 2, 7 p.m., at the University of San Diego stadium. The service includes music, liturgy and a rosary procession. Call 435-1781 for more.

Mass with healing service will be held Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., at Mary, Star of the Sea Church in La Jolla. Father Ray Elam, OSA, will be the celebrant. For further information call 459-3255.

Mass with healing service will be held Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. Celebrant will be Father Ralph Weishaar, OFM. Sponsored by the San Luis Rey Prayer Community. Call 757-3250.

Miscellaneous

Stella Maris Academy, La Jolla, will have a rummage sald Oct. 1, 9 a.m. Items include toys, housewares and clothes. Admission is 25 cents. Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization. Call 454-5561.

AIDS Chaplaincy program is offering a program through its speakers bureau, dealing with the medical and spiritual concerns of people. Entitled "The Religious Response to AIDS," the program encourages thought-provoking discussions. Call 280-8833 for details.

High Schools

University of San Diego High School, Linda Vista, will hold its annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 8, 7 p.m., on the school's main patio. Food, music and dancing will be featured. All parents of students and prospective students are invited. Cost is $20 per person. Proceeds benefit the school. Call 223-0108 for information.

TV-Radio

"Kingdom Living," a Catholic study of the Word using the Sunday readings, is broadcast on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. on KTTY-Channel 69 and Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Cox Cable-Channel 26. Hosted by Deacon Bob Mueller.

"Sunday Focus," a program featuring religious news from San Diego and around the world, is broadcast on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on KGTV-Channel 10. Program is produced by the San Diego Ecumenical Conference.

Sunday Mass, a Catholic liturgy for television, is broadcast every Sunday at 7:00 a.m. on KCST-TV Channel 39. Celebrant for Oct. 2 is Father Ned Brockhaus, pastor, St. Jude Church in San Diego.

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'Buscad unidad en la diversidad de culturas'

Por Dan Pitre
Southern Cross

ALCALA PARK — Aún en medio de culturas conflictivas, los cristianos deben recordar su obligación de formar una comunidad de fe unida en el Cuerpo de Cristo, dijo el director de ministerios hispanos de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles a unos 300 católicos hispano-parlantes el día 24 de septiembre en la Universidad de San Diego.

El sacerdote jesuita, Padre Anastacio Rivera, quien dió la plática en español a la asamblea general del Instituto Catequético 1988 de la Diócesis de San Diego, dijo que al reflejar a Cristo, el tema del instituto, "debemos mirar las diversas imágenes de Cristo."

Personas de diferentes culturas tienen distintas percepciones de quién y qué es Cristo, dijo en una entrevista con *Southern Cross*.

Aún cuando la mezcla de dos culturas diferentes, tales como la del Norte de Europa y la de América Latina en California, causa dolor y conflicto, también puede "engendrar nuevas energías y crear nuevas posibilidades para ambas culturas," dijo el.

Por tanto, le cuestión es cómo unificar en la diversidad los católicos de diferentes culturas, reflejando cada una a Cristo, dijo.

"¿Debemos aferrarnos a nuestro estilo o cultura como si fuera el único válido, y por lo tanto ver menos a los otros estilos? O debemos estudiar mas profundamente las diversas culturas, enfatizando los valores positivos, y edificar sobre eso," preguntó.

Confesando que él no tiene la respuesta total, el Padre Rivera sugiere que un modo sería ver a la historia para entender cómo se desarrollaron las características particulares de dos culturas distintas y cómo cada grupo cultural se benefició del otro.



Foto por Dan Pitre

ENCUENTRO CULTURAL— El sacerdote jesuita, Padre Anastacio Rivera, SJ, director del apostolado hispano en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, habla sobre el tema "Una Sola Iglesia — Encuentro de Culturas" en la asamblea general en español del Instituto Catequético 1988 llevado a cabo el 24 de septiembre en la Universidad de San Diego.

Un taller de 'liderazgo de organización' ofrece por el Centro Padre Hildago

SAN DIEGO — El Centro Padre Hidalgo, centro pastoral para el ministerio hispano, ofrece un taller dado por el Sr. Leonardo Anguiano del Mexican American Cultural Center de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, Texas, sobe el tema "Hacia un liderazgo de organizacion."

Se llevará a cabo los días 21, 22 y 23 de octubre en el salón de la Catedral. St. Joseph, de San Diego.

El objectivo es para preparar líderes de parroquias, movimientos y organizaciones para que recluten personas marginadas a que sean partícipes de su propio destino, dice Enrique Méndez, director del Centro Padre Hidalgo.

El viernes de 7 a 9 p.m., la primera sesión será una orientación acerca de actitudes y mentalidades de líderes, estilos de liderazgo y etapas de organización.

La segunda sesión es el sábado de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. Moisés en el libro del Exodo. Organizador y maestro que lleva a una comunidad de fe para transformar instituciones. Se analizaran valores y actitudes y se enfocará sobre los diferentes tipos de organizaciones.

La sesión final es el domingo de 9 a.m. a 4 p.m. El liderazgo de Jesucristo lleva la tradición de los profetas y de Juan el Bautista. Además proyectará asuntos más prácticos: cómo organizar una comunidad; cómo reclutar personas comprometidas; cómo llevar a cabo una reunión y hacer una comunidad de fe en acción.

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Con esta oración de apertura, usada por primera vez en la Diócesis de San Diego, el Sr. Obispo Leo T. Maher inició la Santa Misa el 25 de septiembre en la Misión Basílica de San Diego de Alcalá. como celebración oficial diocesana en honor de la beatificación del Padre Serra.

Varios sacerdotes, algunos Caballeros del Santo Sepulcro, una tropa de Boy Scouts y mas de 300 personas se reunieron para este evento en la misión, que fuera fundada por el Padre Serra en 1769 y la primera de las 21 misiones en la Alta California. El coro de la parroquia cantó en inglés y en español con gran gozo.

Esto sucedió sólo unas horas después de que el Santo Padre Juan Pablo II beatificara al sacerdote franciscano y "Apóstol de California" en la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma.

Hablando desde el docel papal que identifica a la misión como basílica menor, el Sr. Obispo Maher dijo en su homilía, "Serra pertenece a tres países — España (su país natal), México y Estados Unidos (habiendo servido como misionero en los dos países).

"Esta beatificación solemne nos permite celebrar la liturgia en su nombre en este día, reconociendo su santidad e invocando su ayuda."

"Nos dirijimos a él por su ejemplo práctico de vivir el Evangelio, que nos anima a obtener la perfección en nuestras propias vidas."

"Siendo un misionero activo entre los indios, él nos alienta a cumplir con amor auténtico nuestra misión y a buscar con gran celo la salvación de los otros," dijo el obispo.

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Area Hmongs struggle to preserve tradition

By Maureen Nuesca
Southern Cross

LINDA VISTA — During the Vietnam War, Chau Fang worked with the CIA in Laos. With the fall of Vietnam, Fang and many of his people, the Hmong, were in great danger.

During the Vietnam war, the Hmong fought side-by-side with American troops. Because of this association, the Hmong were driven out of their homeland. Some migrated to countries such as the United States, Canada and Australia; some are still in refugee camps, said Reggie Smith, a member of the University of San Diego Neighborhood Committee which seeks to improve community relations.

The Hmong (pronounced mong) are an ancient tribe of mountain people who migrated from China to the upper mountains of Laos, Thailand and North Vietnam, explained Fang, a parishioner and former catechist for the Hmong at Holy Family Church in Linda Vista.

Because of his affiliation with the CIA, Fang and his family were among the first Hmongs to migrate to the United States.

Many Hmongs migrated to San Diego because the climate and environment resembled that of Southeast Asia, he said.

The refugees were settled by Catholic Community Services Refugee Resettlement and Immigration program into the Linda Vista community where housing was accessible, explained program manager Solomon Belette.

The Hmong population in Linda Vista is estimated at 1,500 and 3,000 throughout the county, said Chu Yang, president of Laos Family Community Inc. a non-profit organization which serves Hmong people in San Diego.

Although many of the older Hmongs did not want to leave the comfort of the refugee camps in Thailand, Fang saw the move as "an opportunity to go to school" and receive a higher education. "I understand the meaning of freedom to be to learn and work as much as we can to our ability. In my country, only the rich people have the chance to go to school," said Fang.

"I think the future will be excellent for our children," he added.

As the young Hmongs become more adapted and assimilated into the American culture, the communication gap between the older generation widens, Fang noted.

He believes the Hmong community needs to stick together and carry over its traditions to the younger generation.

"We should preserve our culture," he said.

One of the Hmong traditions that has survived the migration is the needlework of the women. Known as Pa nDau, the needlework uses vivid colors and symmetrical embroidered designs.

Because Hmongs had no written language until recently, their heritage and follktales were passed down through Pa nDau.

An art exhibit of the Pa nDau work will be on display at the University of San Diego until Oct. 19. One of the embroideries depicts Viet Cong soldiers gunning down Hmong men and women. Others are strictly cut applique designs.

Fang does not believe the Pa nDau will survive much longer because the Hmong children are too busy (with school, work, adapting) to learn the intricate patterns.

Blia Cha, 22 and mother of four, is also concerned that the Pa nDau tradition will be lost if they do not make the time to teach their children. Cha's work can be seen at the USD exhibit.

Many of the Hmong, especially the older ones, dream of returning to the homeland where things were relaxed and not as busy, where traditions would be passed on, said Fang.

Even though Fang is now a United States citizen, received a college education and has adapted quite well, he, too, misses his homeland.

"If the Communists withdrew, I would go back. We could use the skills and education we have received in America to develop our country," said Fang.



Photos by Maureen Nuesca

PA NDAU ART — A spectator admires the Pa ndau embroidery of the Hmong women at a University of San Diego exhibit which continues through Oct. 19.



HMONG ATTIRE

Mai Lee and two other Hmong women from the Linda Vista area dressed in traditional Hmong attire for the opening of a Pa ndau exhibit Sept. 22 at the University of San Diego. The Pa ndau (flower cloth) embroideries will be displayed through Oct. 19 in Founders Gallery. The Hmong women produce the symmetrical embroidered designs without the use of rulers or any other straight edge.

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8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
FRIENDS! Come to Harvest Jamboree '88
Friday — Oct. 7, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday — Oct. 8, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday — Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
CRAFT SHOW
FUN
GAMES RIDES
BINGO PARTY Sat. - 5:30 p.m.
CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT
TWO BIG DRAWINGS
- $5,000 Grand Prize
- 50-50 Only 300 Tickets
up to $15,000 Prize
Both Drawings Starting 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 9
FOOD
Bar-B-Q Chicken
Mexican Specialties
Lumpia
Soft Drinks-Beer-Wine

